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death and discovery will yield negative results. * * * Have cultures from Paris arrived? * * *

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JUNE 28, 1900.

Forty tubes virus Danysz and literature expressed you to-day.

WYMAN.

KINYOUN, *Quarantine Station, Angel Island, Cal.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 27, 1900.*

There have been reported 10 cases confirmed by bacterial examination from March 7 to June 2, and 4 or 5 under investigation since then, 1 reported as suspicious June 14 was reported confirmed by bacterial examination June 22. Since last date none reported.

WYMAN.

State Health Officer W. F. BLUNT, *Austin, Tex.*

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF PLAGUE.—INTERSTATE INSPECTION.

Inspection at Needles.

NEEDLES, CAL., *June 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended June 15, 1900: Number of Chinese inspected, 3; passed, 3; rejected, none. Number of Japanese inspected, 9; passed, 9; rejected, none. Number of passengers other than Asiatics inspected, 743; passed, 743; rejected, none.

Respectfully,

J. F. L. JENKINS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., June 16, 1900.—I have the honor to submit herewith the following summary of work at this station for the week ended June 16, 1900: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passenger trains, 115; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad trains, 15; inspection of Mexican immigrants, 37; refused admittance on account of phthisis pulmonalis, 2; disinfection of bedding, clothing, etc., of immigrants, 21; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 312; vaccinated, 6. I am reliably informed there is yellow fever at Vera Cruz and other places in Mexico. I therefore request every passenger in Pullman and first and second class arriving on the Mexican Central to sign the following declaration:

"I certify that I am successfully vaccinated; that neither myself or baggage have been in any city, place, house, or tent said to be infected with contagious disease for the last twenty days."

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., June 17, 1900.—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended June 16, 1900: Inspected persons on Mexican

National Railroad, 483 ; immigrants inspected and passed, 19 ; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 6.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

End of smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., June 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended June 16, 1900, there were no new cases of smallpox in this city. This is the first week since November 18, 1899, that there have been no new cases to report.

The city pesthouse was vacated by June 10, 1900, having been continuously occupied since November 18, 1899, a period of six months and twenty-two days. In that time there were 108 cases, with 6 deaths reported. Of the deaths, 4 were negroes and 2 were whites ; all with the confluent type of the disease. The majority of the cases were mild, but a large number had the confluent form. Upon personal inquiry and visitation I found none of the patients had ever been successfully vaccinated, while over 90 per cent had never been vaccinated at all. The foci of infection were legion, several centers being within the city, while many cases were imported from near-by States. One patient, white, school-teacher, had 2 distinct attacks and recovered. There were no deaths from the disease among the patients of the Marine-Hospital Service.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in West Virginia.

CHARLESTOWN, W. VA., June 19, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report the following facts in connection with the smallpox situation in this city:

First. The hearing before Judge Faulkner on the question of a restraining injunction has been indefinitely postponed.

Second. I now have the camp, consisting of 12 acres, inclosed with an 8-strand barbed wire fence, and have finished the erection of 2 smallpox hospitals, 2 detention buildings, 1 mess hall, 1 guardhouse, and 1 bath house.

The various sections of the plant are roped off in what I consider a satisfactory manner. The camp is lighted by 3 arc lights and has telephonic connection. The necessary work would have been completed forty-eight hours earlier but for an unusual downfall of rain, lasting that length of time, during which it was impossible to prevail upon the men to work. I now have 14 patients in the smallpox hospital and the camp will be open for the reception of suspects at sunrise to-morrow.

Respectfully,

W. CHESTER BILLINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

CAMP WASHINGTON,
Charlestown, W. Va., June 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that at the present time the personnel within the limits of this camp is as follows: Medical officer, 1 ; captain of guard, 1 ; sergeant of guard, 1 ; commissary of subsistence, 1 ; laborer, 1 ; guards, 14 ; patients with smallpox, 30 ; suspects, 53 ; total, 102.

Respectfully,

W. CHESTER BILLINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.